

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Eric W. TRIPLETT *et al.*

Examiner: Irene MARX

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For:

BACTERIAL INOCULANTS FOR ENHANCING PLANT GROWTH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Before further consideration of the current application on the merits, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is kindly asked to charge our deposit account 04-2223 for any fees that may be due and owing in connection with this application, including any necessary extensions of time fees.

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